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Newton, MA--BC Law Professor Mark Brodin will moderate a panel discussion on Northeastern Professor Michael Meltsner’s play, In Our Name: A Play of the Torture Years.

Meltsner’s play deals with the United States government’s treatment of suspected terrorists after 9/11. "Americans have not fully confronted that what we did at Guantanamo and elsewhere. It tainted our reputation, and continues to question our commitment to justice and the rule of law,” says Meltsner, one of the nation’s leading authorities on capital punishment.

Michael Meltsner was First Assistant Counsel to the NAACP Legal Defense Fund in the 1960s. After teaching at Columbia Law School, he served as dean of the Northeastern University School of Law and as a visiting professor at Harvard Law School. At the Legal Defense Fund he was involved in groundbreaking litigation: he brought the case that ended segregation in Southern hospitals, represented Muhammad Ali and is probably best known for helping to initiate the civil rights organization’s campaign against the death penalty. He is the author of many books and essays including the novel Short Takes, and his memoir, The Making of a Civil Rights Lawyer, published in 2006.

The play will take place on September 21 at the Boston Playwrights’ Theatre, at 4:00 pm. The panel discussion moderated by Professor Brodin will follow.

Panelists include Mark Flemming, a partner at the law firm Wilmer Hale in Boston; Matthew Segal, Legal Director of the American Civil Liberties Foundation of Massachusetts; Michael Mone Jr., of Esdaile, Barrett, Jacobs & Mone; and Dr. Elizabeth Wilson, Professor of Law at Seton Hall University Law School.

Professor Brodin’s website

The Boston Playwrights’ Theatre is located at 949 Commonwealth Avenue. The event is free and open to the public but seating is limited.

Please reserve your seat by emailing inournamenejccc@gmail.com.